



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Cities and Regional Development

WESTERN SYDNEY Fact Sheet



Forum on Western Sydney Airport

The Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) connects the community, the Government and Western Sydney Airport company (the airport operator) during planning and development of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. The establishment of FOWSA was a key condition in the Western Sydney Airport Plan. By engaging the community early in the development of the airport, FOWSA will ensure the community's views are taken into account.

Background

The *Western Sydney Airport Plan (2016)* authorises the construction and operation of Stage 1 of the airport, including a single 3.7 km runway and a terminal with capacity for 10 million passengers a year. Airport construction started in September 2018.

Airport Plan conditions are mandatory and mean that the Commonwealth must deliver the airspace and flight path design for single runway operations before airport operations commence in 2026. Condition 16(2) requires the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the Department) to:

“establish a community and stakeholder reference group (FOWSA) which will operate until the end of the detailed design stage... [of the airspace and flight path design process].”

A key objective of FOWSA is to ensure the views of the community are taken into account throughout the airspace and flight path design process for the Stage 1 airport development. FOWSA will also allow the community, local authorities, airport users and other interested parties to be informed about a range of issues relating to the broader planning and development of the airport, including maximising the economic and social benefits of the project for Western Sydney. The airport not only has the potential to create thousands of jobs — it will also offer significant educational, skills training and business development opportunities. FOWSA will provide an important avenue for community and other key stakeholders to come together and be involved in maximising these opportunities.

An aviation Expert Steering Group, led by the Department, is overseeing the detailed planning and design process for the airport's airspace arrangements and flight paths. Other members of the steering group include Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and the airport operator. FOWSA and the Expert Steering Group will work collaboratively to deliver an informed and community-consulted airspace and flight path design for Western Sydney International.

The airspace and flight path design process is a complex technical task that will be conducted over several years.

The terms of reference developed for FOWSA set out the objectives of the forum, the membership structure, the roles of the independent Chair and members, other administrative details and reporting requirements. The terms of reference, *Western Sydney Airport Environmental Impact Statement (2016)* and the Airport Plan are available at

www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au

FOWSA membership

(as at FOWSA meeting 8, 7 June 2019)

Member category	Current members
Up to 10 community representatives	Ms Joanne Bromilow, Resident of Blaxland Mr Jacob Idiculas, Resident of Bossley Park Mr Wayne Willmington, Resident of Luddenham Mr Gordon Henwood, Resident of Mulgoa Mr John Walton, Resident of Silverdale Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Senator for NSW Dr Mike Freelander MP, Federal Member for Macarthur Ms Anne Stanley MP, Federal Member for Werriwa
Up to five local government representatives	Dr Rosemary Dillon, General Manager, Blue Mountains City Council Ms Lindy Deitz, General Manager, Campbelltown City Council Cr Paul Rasmussen, Hawkesbury City Council Ms Kiersten Fishburn, General Manager, Liverpool City Council Cr Ross Fowler OAM, Mayor, Penrith City Council
One NSW Government representative	Ms Alison Morgan, Executive Director, Western Sydney City Deal Delivery Office
One regional airport operator representative	Mr Jim Davis, Chairman, Regional Aviation Association Australia
One representative of general aviation users	Ms Lee de Winton, CEO, Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden
Up to two representatives of the major airlines	Ms Britt Becroft, Manager, Industry Affairs, Qantas Group Mr Paul Chevalier, Manager, ATM and Meteorology, Virgin Australia
Up to two persons with connections to relevant representative agencies or organisations	Mr Bob Germaine, Regional Development Australia, Sydney Mr David Borger, Western Sydney Director, Sydney Business Chamber
An independent Chair	Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor, Western Sydney University
Ex-officio members	Ms Nicole Ryan, General Manager, Stakeholder and Community Engagement, Western Sydney Airport Mr Scott MacKillop, General Manager, Media and Government Relations, Western Sydney Airport

Resourcing and administrative support

FOWSA meets at least three times each year in Western Sydney. The secretariat is provided by the Department.